



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Mitsuru Uchiyama et al.

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For: AN APPARATUS FOR SUPPLYING A THERAPEUTIC OXYGEN GAS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2002, the period for response being extended to November 2, 2002, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 1 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), the amended claim(s) are set forth in a marked-up version in the page(s) attached to this Amendment.

1. (Amended) An apparatus for supplying as oxygen therapeutic gas, comprising:

a cylinder for containing a pressurized oxygen therapeutic gas;

A¹ a nasal cannula, adapted to be introduced into a nasal passage of a patient;

a conduit extending between the cylinder and the nasal cannula for directing the oxygen therapeutic gas to the nasal cannula from the cylinder;

a pressure sensor, provided on the conduit, for detecting the pressure in the conduit;